

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

BRITTANY M. ATWOOD,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
SECURITY,

Defendant.

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CASE NO. 1:13-CV-00703

OPINION & ORDER
[Resolving Docs. [11](#) & [21](#)]

JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

On April 17, 2014, Magistrate Judge James R. Knepp II recommended that the Court affirm the Commissioner of Social Security's denial of supplemental security income to Plaintiff Brittany M. Atwood.^{1/} Plaintiff Atwood has not filed an objection to the Report and Recommendation. The Court **ADOPTS** the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation and **AFFIRMS** the Commissioner's decision.

The Federal Magistrates Act requires a district court to conduct a *de novo* review only of those portions of a Report and Recommendation to which the parties have made an objection.^{2/} Parties must file any objections to a Report and Recommendation within fourteen days of service.^{3/} Failure to object within that time waives a party's right to appeal the Magistrate Judge's

^{1/}Doc. [21](#).

^{2/}[28 U.S.C. § 636\(b\)\(1\)](#).

^{3/}[Fed. R. Civ. P. 72\(a\)](#).

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recommendation.^{4/} Absent objection, a district court may adopt the Magistrate Judge's report without review.^{5/} Moreover, having conducted its own review of the complaint^{6/} and briefing,^{7/} this Court agrees with the conclusions of the Magistrate Judge.

Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** in whole Magistrate Judge Knepp's findings of fact and conclusions of law and incorporates them fully herein by reference. The Court **AFFIRMS** the Commissioner's denial of supplemental security income.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 6, 2014

s/ James S. Gwin
JAMES S. GWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

^{4/}*Id.*; see [Thomas v. Arn](#), 474 U.S. 140, 145 (1985); [United States v. Walters](#), 638 F.2d 947, 949-50 (6th Cir. 1981).

^{5/}[Thomas](#), 474 U.S. at 149.

^{6/}Doc. [1](#) (complaint); Doc. [11](#) (amended complaint).

^{7/}Doc. [16](#) (Plaintiff's opening brief); Doc. [19](#) (Commissioner's brief); Doc. [20](#) (Plaintiff's reply brief).